

PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES  
August 13, 2012

Council Members Attending: Father Jim, Deacon Herb, Sue Buchholz, Arlene Gross, Jim Jordan, Mary Jo Meyer, Christine Stinson and Renae Brinza

Others Attending: Gerry Meyer, Nick Bianci and Don Cwynar

**Old Business**

Opening prayer by Fr. Jim

(1) Parish Pictorial Directory – Mary Jo

- Coming along; another meeting scheduled on Monday, August 20<sup>th</sup> to finalize the layout
- Had a mock of the cover page – it looks great
- Goal is to have the directories out for Christmas

(2) Ladies of Charity – Mary Jo

- Contact didn't want to come to St. Colman's during the winter
- Initial response to join was very poor

**Action Items:** Mary Jo to give telephone number of contact to Deacon Riley; he will call and continue the communications

(3) Evangelization meeting with Deacon Alex Wroblicky – Mary Jo

**Action Items:** Mary Jo to contact Deacon Wroblicky

(4) Parish Mission Update – Paul

- Title of Father Scott's mission is : Life is Difficult but God is Good
- Date has changed - Father Scott is coming May 19, 2013
- Father Scott will attend the morning masses at St. Colman and preach
- The evening services last between 60 and 75 minutes. The agenda is:
  - Sunday: A Christian Response to Stress
  - Monday: Celebrating our Families
  - Tuesday: The Art of Forgiveness
  - Wednesday: Finding True Happiness
- After the Tuesday's talk, he will hear confessions but would like other priests there too.
- Father Scott does have a fee for his service
- A suggestion was made to put a flyer of his visit in the bulletin

**Action Items:** Paul to keep in contact and keep us posted of any changes

(5) Add new pastoral council members

- Father Jim feels number is "dead on"
- Replace members if someone resigns

(6) A Neighborhood Family, Food and Fun Festival - Jerry

- August 17<sup>th</sup> 6 o'clock
- Event held in St. Colman's parking lot
- Everyone will have a name tag with church affiliation
- Brochures for St. Colman's will be handed out
- Remaining brochures will be placed in back of the church for visitors

**New Business**

(1) Long range plan for the parish – Renae

- Summary of a lengthy discussion
  - Suggest a working session of Pastoral Council
  - Suggest a Vision statement be developed for St. Colman
  - Suggest a SWOT analysis be prepared by Pastoral Council

**Action Items:** Each committee of Pastoral Council prepare a long range goal for next meeting.

(2) Grieving/Bereavement Sharing Group – Don Cwynar

- Beginning to send a series of cards
- 1<sup>st</sup> card is to acknowledge the death and send our sympathy
- 2<sup>nd</sup> card is send a month later and invites them to attend a meeting of the group
- Card are beautiful and underwritten by Alfieri Funeral home – no cost to the parish

All Souls Day – invitations are sent to family members who have had a loved one pass away during the previous year

(3) East Catholic School – Father Jim

- Is a consortium school
- Budget is based on 363 students
- St. Colman students cannot be forced to attend East Catholic; we can encourage
- Dioceses sends funds to the parochial schools
  - 10% of our income goes into a general fund
- The breakdown for the local parishes is as follows
  - Good Shepherd and Word of God send their 10% directly to East Catholic
  - St. Colman; Madonna del Donne and St. John Fisher send 5% directly to East Catholic and 5% to the Diocese
- Tuition for East Catholic is as follows:

○ 1 <sup>st</sup> child	-	\$3,200	3 or more	-	\$7,200
○ 2 children	-	\$5,700	Non Catholic	-	\$4,000
- St. Colman to promote East Catholic fund raising which has a target of \$194,000
- We can do this by:
  - Placing their events in our bulletin
  - Placing flyers in our bulletin
  - Posting their flyers in the back of the church

Next Meeting is Monday, November 5, 2012 at 7pm